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Status				
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 M	ay 2003.			
Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims				
4) ☐ Claim(s) 5-16 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 5-16 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	vn from consideration.			
Application Papers				
9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examine 10) ☑ The drawing(s) filed on 09 September 2003 is/a Applicant may not request that any objection to the Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	are: a)⊠ accepted or b)⊡ objec drawing(s) be held in abeyance. Sec ion is required if the drawing(s) is ob	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). jected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119				
a) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the prior application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	s have been received. s have been received in Applicati rity documents have been receive u (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No ed in this National Stage		
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## **Priority**

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims 5-6, 10-11 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jakobi et al (6,043,459) in view of Carter et al (5,791,308).

  Jakobi teaches an electrically heatable glow plug 1, having a corrosion-resistant glow pipe 7, which is closed at the end and contains a filling of electrically non-conductive, compacted powder 10 in which an electrically conductive coil 9 is embedded. However, he does not teach a surface -hardened coil. Carter teaches a plug with a surface-hardened electric coil 6. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Jakobi's invention to include a hardened-surface coil in order to provide an operation even with temperature excursions over 17000 degree Kelvin as taught by Carter (col. 2, lines 45-56).
- 4. Claims 7-9 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jakobi in view of Carter and in view of Izawa et al (5,665,179).

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Jakobi in view of Carter teaches substantially the claimed invention, but does not teach nitriding and a depth of hardening. Izawa teaches a coil being hardened by nitriding at a depth of 1 mm (col. 8, lines 5-15). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention of Jakobi in view of Carter, to provide hardening of a surface of the coil by nitriding at the depth as taught by Izawa in order to have a high strength and high fatigue resistance without breakage (Absract, lines 16-20), and also because the prior art is reasonably pertinent to the particular problem related to the coil (See MPEP 2141.01a).

Also, claims 7-9 and 12-13 are product-by-process claims, and patentability of the product does not depend on its method of production (See MPEP 2113).

### Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 5468933 (glow plug), 4963717 (glow plug), 4639712 (glow plug).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid M Fastovsky whose telephone number is 703-306-5482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 8.00 am -6.00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 703-305-5766. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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